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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Matthew Baker et al. )  
Application No. 10/561,097 )  
Filed: December 16, 2005 ) Group Art Unit: 1647  
For: THROMBOPOIETIN PROTEINS )  
WITH IMPROVED PROPERTIES )  
Examiner: Lorraine Spector, Ph.D. ) Attorney Docket No. MER-141

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER RULE 111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 16 July 2008 on the above-identified application. Kindly amend this application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this document.

Submitted herewith is a Petition for a one-month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the fee therefor.

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